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INDICATIVE PLAN OF UNCTAD=S TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOR 2002

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. UNCTAD X, in paragraph 164(vi) of its "Plan of Action" (TD/386), requested the secretariat to submit to member States an Aannual indicative plan of technical cooperation programmes≅.

2. Following this request, the present document (see Add.1) includes information on:

(i) Ongoing projects which are expected to continue in 2002;

(ii) Projects proposed by the secretariat with a view to implementing the mandate of UNCTAD X and of LDC III, as well as mandates given to UNCTAD by the General Assembly;

(iii) Projects proposed as a result of specific requests received from beneficiaries.

For most projects under (ii) and (iii), financial support still needs to be identified.

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3. The plan is intended to implement the Technical Cooperation Strategy of UNCTAD adopted by the Board at its fifteenth executive session in June 1997. It is also intended to:

(a) Inform delegations, cooperating organizations and other interested parties of the operational activities that have been approved for the year 2002 and those which the secretariat is proposing for 2002;

(b) Facilitate discussions with potential donors on the mobilization of the necessary extrabudgetary resources to implement the plan. Barring exceptional cases, all the secretariat's requests to potential donors for funding will be from among proposals contained in this plan; and

(c) Serve as the secretariat's monitoring tool.

4. The information contained herein is broken down as follows: (a) title of the project; (b) expected duration/completion; and (c) when available, approximate total budget in US dollars (for ongoing projects the figures indicate the existing balance at 31 December 2000).

5. Inclusion of new proposals (see paragraph 2(ii) and 2(iii) above) is based on one or more of the following considerations:

(i) An explicit request received by the secretariat from a developing country or a country in transition;

(ii) A request for assistance mandated by the General Assembly, the Conference, the Trade and Development Board or a Commission;

(iii) Consistency with the implementation of the UNCTAD X Plan of Action as reflected in the work programme set out in the programme narrative for the UNCTAD programme budget for 2000-2001 (TD/B/47/3).

6. Only the projects considered a priority have been included in this version of the plan. Moreover, in response to the Bangkok Plan of Action and, in particular, its paragraph 166, projects included in the plan place particular emphasis on capacity-building.

7. Implementation of most of the proposals in the plan is contingent upon the mobilization of additional resources. Moreover, as it is expected that new requests will be made and that existing proposals may be modified, constant adjustments to the plan will be required.

8. The document includes an updated list of ongoing and proposed projects by Divisions and Branches, clearly distinguishing between ongoing and proposed projects. Whenever possible, projects have been clustered by broad areas of activity. Introductory narratives, including an indication of objectives and overall strategy in terms of substantive orientation for each division, are also included.

9. Explanations of the country codes used for project numbering are to be found at the end of Add.1.